



Agenda

Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

Thursday, 12 February 2026, 8.45am
Stewart Island Pavilion, Ayr St, Oban



Chairperson
Deputy chairperson
Members

Aaron Conner
Daniel Meads
Mike Douglass
Aaron Joy
Emma Simpson-Boyce
Andrea Young
Jon Spraggon

Councillor

What is important to us?

Our strategic framework is a big picture of what Council is planning to achieve for our communities in the next three years.

Council vision

Together, with our people, for our future. It's our Southland!

Council mission

Working together for a better Southland.

Our focus is

Strategic priorities



Connected and resilient communities - we collaboratively engage with our partners and communities, along with investing in agile and sustainable practices, to support a vibrant and thriving Southland.



Ease of doing business - we transform the customer experience through partnership, technology and continuous improvement.



Providing equity - we enable all residents to be able to access the same services and tools as part of a fair society.



Robust infrastructure - we deliver innovative and sustainable community focused infrastructure and facilities for the future



Thinking strategically and innovatively - we look for solutions outside of the norm and are not afraid to do something that we have not done before, and we think long-term about the solutions we are providing, while having the flexibility and agility to change direction as necessary.

Our goals for the LTP 2024-2034 are

Outcomes



Social - communities that are connected and have an affordable and attractive lifestyle.



Environmental - communities committed to the protection of our land and water.



Cultural - communities with a sense of belonging for all.



Economic - communities with the infrastructure to grow.



Community board terms of reference

TYPE OF COMMITTEE	Community board (board)
RESPONSIBLE TO	Boards are responsible to Council Each board will also have relationships with Council committees (these committees are outlined in the delegations manual).
SUBCOMMITTEES	Some subcommittees will report to community boards – these are outlined in section 8.5 of the delegations manual.
MEMBERSHIP	Ōreti and Waihōpai Toetoe boards have seven members elected by the local authority triennial elections plus a member appointed by Council. All other boards have six members plus a member appointed by Council. The chairperson is elected by the board. Councillors who are not appointed to boards can only remain for the public section of the board meeting. They cannot stay for the public excluded section unless the board agrees.
FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	Every second month, but up to 12 ordinary meetings a year with the approval of the chief executive.
QUORUM	Not less than four members
THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY BOARDS	Governance Elected members are responsible for providing leadership, setting direction and for overseeing performance (at a high level). The chief executive and staff are responsible for management activities including the allocation of resources, overseeing the day to day operations of the community board, providing policy advice and implementing governance decisions. Roles outlined in the Local Government Act 2002 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appoint a chairperson and deputy chairperson • represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community • consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the board • maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community • prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community • communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community • undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

Additional roles of boards

Community wellbeing

- a) promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of local communities
- b) monitor the overall well-being of local communities.

Community leadership

- a) to provide leadership to local communities on the strategic issues and opportunities that they face
- b) identify key issues and opportunities that will affect the future of the board's community and work with Council staff and other local representatives to facilitate multi-agency collaborative opportunities
- c) promote a shared vision for the board's community and develop and promote ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes
- d) provide a local community perspective on Council's long term plan key performance indicators and levels of service as detailed in the long term plan, and on local expenditure, rating impacts and priorities
- e) develop and manage community board plans including keeping these up to date and relevant to community needs and aspirations.

Engagement and relationships

- a) to develop relationships and communicate with key community organisations, special interest groups, residents and businesses within the community.

Advocacy

- a) as part of the long term plan or annual plan process, prepare a submission to Council on the proposed levels of service, income and expenditure within the community of interest
- b) as part of the long term plan or annual plan process, outline the relative priorities for the delivery of District services and levels of service within the board area (Council sets the levels of service for District Activities if a board seeks a higher level of service, they need to recommend that to Council, and the higher level of service will need to be funded in an appropriate way (locally).
- c) Providing comment (through the chairperson) to assist the chief executive on making a decision on any objections received on temporary road closures or temporary prohibition of traffic.

Local activities

For local activities

- a) recommend to Council levels of service and budgets for local activities, having regard to Council budgets in the long term plan or annual plan process
- b) recommend to Council rates, user charges and fees to fund local activities
- c) recommend to Council or a relevant committee the approval of project definitions or business cases and procurement plans for capital expenditure over \$300,000
- d) recommend to Council or a relevant committee unbudgeted capital expenditure
- e) monitor the services Council delivers its communities and assess the extent these services meet community needs or the expected level of service
- f) support the development of local management plans (for subsequent recommendation to Council) where required by statute or in support of the district plan, or other plans for reserves, harbours, or other community facilities, except where these powers:
 - a) have been delegated to Council staff
 - b) would have significance beyond the board's area or otherwise involves a matter of national importance (Section 6 Resource Management Act 1991)
 - c) involve the alienation of any part of a proposed or existing esplanade reserve by way of width reduction, easement, lease or otherwise.
- g) for the Fiordland Community Board in relation to Te Anau Airport and for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community board in relation to Stewart Island Electricity Supply Authority (SIESA) these board's role is to:
 - recommend levels of service and annual budget to Council or relevant committee
 - monitor the performance and delivery of the service.

Environmental management and spatial planning

- a) provide comment on resource consent applications referred to the community board for comment
- b) to make recommendations to Council about bylaws and about enforcing bylaws within the community, having regard to the need to maintain consistency across the District
- c) provide advice to Council and its committees on any matter of interest or concern to the community board in relation to the sale of alcohol, where statutory ability exists to seek such feedback
- d) provide input into regulatory activities not otherwise specified above, where process allows

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) recommend to Council initiating an appeal to the environment court on decisions relating to resource consent applications that the board has made submissions on f) provide support to the development of community plans for a civil defence emergency and the recovery afterwards.
DELEGATIONS	<p>In exercising the delegations the boards will operate within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) policies, plans, standards or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council b) the needs of the local communities c) the approved budgets for the activity. <p>Boards shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers (Local Government Act 2002 section 53).</p> <p>Community wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) develop local strategies to improve areas of wellbeing (where a need has been identified) b) to develop local community outcomes that reflect the desired goals for their community or place. <p>Community board plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Regularly review and update the community board plan to keep the plan relevant. <p>Decisions on locally funded assets and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accept donations of a local asset (e.g. a gas barbeque, park bench, etc) with a value of less than \$30,000 b) approve project definitions or business cases for approved budgeted capital expenditure up to \$300,000. <p>Unbudgeted expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approve unbudgeted operating expenditure for local activities of up to \$20,000 b) approve up to a \$20,000 increase in the projected cost of a budgeted capital works project/item that is included in the annual plan or long term plan c) authority to delegate to the chief executive, when approving a project definition or business case, over-expenditure of up to \$10,000 for capital expenditure against the budget detailed in the annual plan or long term plan. <p>Leases and licenses</p> <p>In relation to all leases and licences of land and buildings for local activities within their own area, and subject to any relevant legislation and/or policy requirement, on behalf of Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accept the highest tenders for rentals more than \$10,000 b) approve the preferential allocation of leases and licenses where the rental is \$10,000 or more per annum. <p>Community spaces and roads</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) authority to decide upon requests from the community, regarding names of open local spaces and the placement of structures and commemorative plaques. b) authority to decide on the name of public roads, private roads and rights of way <p>Community assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) establish a system for prioritising allocations, based on criteria provided by Council b) grant funds from the Community Partnership Fund c) allocate bequests or grants generated locally, consistent with the terms of the bequest or grant fund. <p>Northern Southland development fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Northern board can make decisions regarding funding applications to the Northern Southland development fund.
LIMITS TO DELEGATIONS	<p>Boards have no financial or decision-making delegations other than those specifically delegated by Council.</p> <p>Boards shall only expend funding on purposes for which that funding was originally raised and in accordance with the budgets approved by Council through its long term plan or annual plan.</p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of section 39(2) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2022 the board may not incur expenditure in excess of the approved budget.</p> <p>Matters that are not delegated</p> <p>Council has not delegated to boards the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make a rate or bylaw b) acquire, hold or dispose of property c) direct, appoint, suspend or remove staff d) engage or enter into contracts and agreements and financial commitments e) institute an action for recovery of any amount f) issue and police building consents, notices, authorisations and requirements under acts, statutes, regulations, bylaws and the like; g) institute legal proceedings other than the delegation to recommend to Council the initiating of an appeal to the environment court on decisions in respect to resource consent applications on which the board has made submissions.
CONTACT WITH MEDIA	<p>The board chairperson is the authorised spokesperson for the board in all matters where the board has authority or a particular interest.</p> <p>Board members, including the chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media or outside agencies</p>

	<p>on behalf of Council on matters outside of the board's delegations.</p> <p>The executive leadership team member will manage the formal communications between the board and its constituents and for the board in the exercise of its business. Correspondence with central government, other local government agencies or official agencies will only take place through Council staff and will be undertaken under the name of Council.</p>
REPORTING	<p>Boards are unincorporated statutory bodies which are elected to represent the communities they serve.</p> <p>Copies of board meeting minutes are retained by Council.</p>
DEFINITIONS	<p>District activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) community leadership at a district level (including district community grants) b) wastewater c) waste services d) water supply e) stormwater f) district funded open spaces (parks and reserves) g) roading h) district community services (library services, cemeteries, community housing and heritage/culture) i) district community facilities (public toilets, library buildings, offices and amenity buildings) j) environmental services (building services, resource management, environmental health, animal services, emergency management) k) corporate support services <p>Local activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) community leadership at a local board level (including local community grants) b) local community facilities (halls, community centres and other amenity buildings) within Council's activity management plans for community facilities c) water facilities (boat ramps, wharves, jetties and harbour facilities) d) locally funded open spaces (parks and reserves, playgrounds and streetscapes) e) parking limits, footpaths and streetlights f) Te Anau/Manapouri Airport (for the Fiordland Community Board) g) Stewart Island Electricity Supply Authority (SIESA) (for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board) <p>Levels of service is a term in asset management referring to the quality of a given service. Defining and measuring levels of service is a key activity in developing infrastructure asset</p>

management plans. Levels of service may be tied to physical performance of assets or be defined by customer expectation and satisfaction.

Preferential allocation is when there is a preference that a lease or license is given to a particular person or group, rather than having an open process. For example, a neighbouring land owner or a community group that use a building may be asked if they want to lease the land/building, rather than giving the wider public the opportunity to tender or apply.

Approved budget for the financial year comprises the base budget approved by Council through the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan, along with any adjustments formally approved during the year for unbudgeted expenditure, forecasting changes and carry forwards by those with delegated authority.

1 Opening

The chair will open the meeting.

2 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

4 Conflict of interest

Councillors are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a councillor and any private or other external interest they might have.

5 Additional agenda items

Any additions to the agenda must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

[Minutes](#) of the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board Meeting held on 09 December 2025.

7 Public participation

Requests to speak should be made by midday of the day before the meeting. Further information is available on www.southlanddc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 732 732 .

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9 Closure

The chair will close the meeting.

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Minutes

Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

Tuesday, 9 December 2025, 8.45am
Stewart Island Pavilion, Ayr St, Oban

PRESENT

Chairperson	Aaron Conner
Deputy chairperson	Daniel Meads
Members	Mike Douglass Aaron Joy Emma Simpson-Boyce Andrea Young Councillor Jon Spraggon

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Kirsten Hicks
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1 Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting

2 Apologies

There were no apologies

3 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

4 Conflict of interest

Emma Simpson-Boyce declared a conflict of interest in **8.2 Community partnership fund applications – October 2025 round** and abstained from comment or voting

5 Additional Agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon/Aaron Joy

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

Simon Moir – Simon presented the board with his desire to install a mobile sauna at Halfmoon Bay. The proposed sauna measures 5.5m L x 2.2m W x 3.3m H (excluding chimney) and can accommodate up to nine users (with a single person changing room). It would be timber-clad, with a window overlooking the sea and be fully mobile as it is built onto a trailer. Simon would like to locate this on the foreshore grassed area, near the ramp access over the road from Ayr Street. He envisages it would be removed when not in use. Simon plans to lodge a Licence to Occupy application.

Reports

8.1 Community update

Record No: R/25/11/56062

This report offers community agencies an opportunity to present updates to the community board.

Stu Newton (Future Rakiura):

- The orienteering course is now up and running at Mamaku Point. This was funded by Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) Community Enhancement Scheme.
- The helipad has been well-used. Recently the signage was damaged (first by the mower, then the weather) so a replacement has been ordered.

Stu Newton (New Zealand Police)

- Grass growth is impeding visibility in places (particularly Hicks Road).
- Parking enforcement – Stu has issued infringements recently but would much prefer this activity lie with SDC staff
- The wharf approach on Elgin Terrace is still in bad repair and recent work (filling potholes with tar) has not improved the situation.
- Emergency Management equipment is currently stored in the garage of the police house. This needs to be relocated to the Trail Park storage area.
- Bragg Bay trees query – as this is on private land they are an issue for the landowner.

Resolved

Moved Aaron Joy/Mike Douglass

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) Acknowledges the attendance of representatives from community agencies at the meeting.

Carried

8.2 Community Partnership fund applications - October 2025 round

Record No: R/25/11/56845

Report presented by Community partnership leader Karen Purdue (via video link)

The purpose of the report is for the Stewart Island/Rakiura community board to allocate funding for the October 2025 round of the Community Partnership Fund.

Bruce Ford (Stewart Island Seniors Cottage Trust) and Anita Geeson (Rakiura Heritage Trust) both spoke in support of their applications.

Emma Simpson-Boyce declared a conflict of interest and abstained from comment or voting.

Members noted that the application from Protect Rakiura Trust was for operational funding, and that Rakiura Health Committee had applied for 100% funding for their project.

Resolved

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon/Mike Douglass

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as being administrative based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and is therefore not significant. The assessed level of significance indicates that the community is kept informed of the decisions made in this report, rather than engaged prior to this decision being made.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) receives applications from the following:
 1. Protect Rakiura Trust
 2. Stewart Island Seniors Cottage Trust
 3. Rakiura Heritage Trust
 4. Rakiura Health Committee
- e) declines a grant of \$15,000 to the Protect Rakiura Trust for costs associated with establishing a monitoring programme and the associated equipment for this.
- f) approves a grant of \$2,000 to the Stewart Island Seniors Cottage Trust for costs associated with building six retirement cottages on the Island.
- g) approves a grant of \$2015 to the Rakiura Heritage Trust to assist with their oral history project.
- h) approves a grant of \$1800 to the Rakiura/Stewart Island Health Committee for costs associated with installing a defibrillator at the Stewart Island flights

Carried

Staff recommendations were moved with changes as **indicated**.

9.45am Andrea Young left the meeting.

8.4 Delegations to the community board

Record No: R/25/11/57470

Report presented by Democracy advisor Michal Gray (via video link).

To provide information to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board (community board) on the delegations from Council that were approved on 12 November 2025.

Resolved

Moved Mike Douglass/Daniel Meads

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.8 Community board representatives

Record No: R/25/11/57475

Report presented by Democracy advisor Michal Gray (via video link)

The purpose of this report is for the community board to nominate a representative of the board to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocation Subcommittee and appoint a representative to the Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group.

Resolved

Moved Daniel Meads/Cr Jon Spraggon

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as some importance based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. On this basis no community engagement is required.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) nominates Aaron Conner to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocation Subcommittee.
- e) appoints Mike Douglass and Emma Simpson-Boyce (as an alternate) as an authorised representative of the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board on the Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group.

Carried

8.3 Councillor update

Record No: R/25/11/57006

Report presented by Councillor Jon Spraggon

This report is to provide the community board an overview of the matters that have been considered at Council and Finance and Assurance Committee meetings from 30 July 2025 to 12 November 2025.

Resolved

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon/Daniel Meads

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.5 Local budget and projects update

Record No: R/25/11/56518

Report presented by Community partnership leader, Karen Purdue

The purpose of this report is to inform the board of the current local budget information for the Stewart Island/Rakiura area and to update the board on the status of current community projects in the board area.

Resolved

Moved Aaron Joy/Mike Douglass

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) receives the report titled “Local budget and projects update”

Carried

8.6 Financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025

Record No: R/25/11/57538

Report presented by Financial business partner lead Susan McNamara (via video link)

The purpose of this report is to present the final financial results and supporting information for the local activities within the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board area for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The board requested that they receive fuel price updates on a regular basis – monthly unless the prices become more volatile.

Resolved

Moved Mike Douglass/Emma Simpson-Boyce

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.7 Draft budgets and rates - Annual Plan 2026/2027

Record No: R/25/11/56827

Report presented by Finance business partnering lead, Susan McNamara (via video link).

The purpose of this report is for the community board to consider and recommend the local budgets for the Annual Plan 2026/2027 and the associated local rates for the year commencing 1 July 2026.

Resolved

Moved Mike Douglass/Cr Jon Spraggon

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as being of some importance based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and therefore is not significant. The assessed level of significance indicates that the community is kept informed of the decisions made in this report, rather than engaged prior to this decision being made.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) confirms the local budgets and work programmes attached (including any amendments agreed at the meeting) and recommends to Council these be included in the draft Annual Plan 2026/27. **Amendments are as follows: 1) P1067B renewal/construction of Golden Bay wharf into the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2) remove P10674A Millers Beach if this work has been completed.**
- e) agrees that the following changes be made to the 2025/26 local community board projects and recommends to Council that these be incorporated into Council's 2025/26 forecasting process:

Town: Project	Current budget (2025/26)	Revised budget (2025/26)	Recommended timing (year) and budget
P-11208 Car park and walking link development	102,000	-	Ground investigation on proposed site completed, most appropriate way forward to be determined Moved to 2026/2027
P-10295 Ulva Island Wharf replacement	872,508	265,000	Emergency repairs to occur in 2025/2026. Main

			replacement expected to occur in 2026/2027.
P-10670A Golden Bay Wharf renewal preparation	255,000	55,000	Not expected to occur 2025/26 and moved to 2026/2027.
P-10670B Golden Bay Wharf renewal construction	250,000	-	Not expected to occur 2025/26 and moved to 2026/2027.
P-10674 Millars Beach wharf refurbishment	126,796	34,000	Not expected to occur 2025/26 and moved to 2026/2027.

- f) recommends to Council that for the year commencing 1 July 2026 it recovers the total amount for each rate as follows (subject to resolution (d) and (e)):

Rate Description	Rate (GST inclusive)
Stewart Island Community Board rate	\$140,785
SIESA rate	\$99,800
Stewart Island Waste Management rate	\$126,474

- g) recommends to Council the setting of the following fees and charges for the year commencing 1 July 2026:

Fee/Charge Description	Notes	Fee/Charge (GST inclusive)
Stewart Island trail park pavilion Hire		50.00
Stewart Island/Rakiura jetties		
Wharf and jetty annual user licence fee for commercial operators and Department of Conservation (DOC) using Council's marine facilities for longer than 8 weeks per year	Per annum per vessel	3,000.00
Wharf and jetty casual daily user fee for commercial operators using Council's marine facilities for up to 8 weeks per year	Per day per vessel	50.00
Ulva Island wharf inbound per passenger fee via commercial operators/vessels (excludes travel by adjoining landowners)	Per person	2.00
Ulva Island wharf outbound per passenger fee via commercial operators/vessels (excludes travel by adjoining landowners)	Per person	2.00
Boat park fee		1,150.00
Commercial operators refer to owners, operators or lessees of vessels		

transporting goods and/or passengers for hire or reward or undertaking other activities for hire or reward		
SIESA – electricity charges		
General tariffs and charges for SIESA are to be reviewed each December following an analysis of electricity use on the Island		
Meter reading		
Invoicing is undertaken on a monthly basis.		
All payments are to be made to:		
Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority, PO Box 903, Invercargill, or Council's office in Ayr Street, Stewart Island.		
Connections		
Standard rate per unit		0.85
Fixed monthly charge		105.06
New connections		
Application fee for a new electricity connection (including supply of new meter)		531.30
Application fee for a distributed electricity generation connection (including supply of new meter)		646.30
Fee for certifying meter installation	Price on application	
Fee for extending/upgrading network for a new electricity connection or distributed electricity generation connection	Price on application	
Capital development charge		1,762.95
Connection bond (no GST)		150.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · all new connections (or load extensions that increase the base load by 2 kW or more) require an application for supply form to evaluate potential load and voltage problems · a capital development charge is payable for all new power connections. The charge will be payable by the owner/ applicant at the time an application for a new power connection is made (a small number of properties have paid this fee at the time of subdivision and will not be required to pay the capital development charge at the time of connection). 		
Note		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · all costs of connection within the consumer boundary are the responsibility of the consumer · the cost of extensions or upgrades to the network as a result of an application for supply will be the responsibility of the applicant. This work must be approved by SIESA before commencing and can only be done by a SIESA approved contractor. 		
Existing connections		

Disconnection fee	No monthly charge	94.02
Reconnection fee	New consumer applicant	141.04
Connection bond	New consumer, if applicable (no GST)	150.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · vacating consumers must advise the Southland District Council Office, Ayr Street, Stewart Island (telephone 03 219 1049) or (0800 732 732) or email siesa@southlanddc.govt.nz to arrange a final meter reading and to advise of the consumer name change. Four working days' notice is required · all installations disconnected for six months or more requires a re-inspection by an electrical inspector before re-livening. The consumer is responsible for all costs associated with the re-inspection plus the reconnection fee · a refundable connection bond will be required for connections where the consumer/applicant is not the property owner, refer to the SIESA terms and conditions - bonds for details. The bond must be paid prior to connection. If the power is already connected it will be disconnected if the bond remains unpaid after one month of power consumption. 		
Other chargeable fees		
Consumer overload fault		569.00
Meter testing		99.90
Disconnection/re-connection due to non-payment of account		99.90
Electrical Engineer assessment		180.00
Connection bond (no GST)		150.00
<p>The fee for a not metered or special connection is an annual fee (1 July - 30 June) payable in advance. Payments are due on the 20th of each month. A late payment fee will be charged if payment is not received before the 20th of the month after the due date (i.e. one full month after the original due date).</p> <p>Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · tariffs for commercial connections will apply only to economic installations · metered connections cannot be shared across property boundaries · individual dwelling on the same property must each have its own meter. 		

- h) delegates authority to the board chair to approve any minor changes required to the budgets following this meeting.

Carried

Staff recommendations were moved with changes as **indicated**.

8.9 Chair's report

Record No: R/25/11/57516

Report presented by Chairperson Aaron Conner

The purpose of this report is for the chair to update the board on activities they have been involved with since the previous meeting.

Board members are also able to provide an update on any recent events and issues of relevance and interest to the community board.

Matters discussed by the board include:

- **Energy** – There will be two public meetings to update the community on 17 December (with Mayor Rob leading the announcement). It would be good to include something in the Stewart Island News (SIN) also.
- **Golden Bay walking track** – discussion is continuing on this. Karen will update the board on the outcome and whether a further meeting of the Stewart Island Rakiura Visitor Levy subcommittee is required.
- **Predator Free Rakiura** – Monitoring results were out several months ago. Test results are due out in February 2026. They will be followed by biosecurity pathways and risk later in the new year. Monitoring to investigate the effectiveness of deer repellent should be reported on early 2026, followed by rat monitoring in March. The group meet next in January 2026, and currently have a vacancy following Ulva Goodwillie's resignation.
- **SIN** – Mike will write up a report and circulate it to board members before it goes to the editor.
- **Speedbumps** – the board's community consultation resulted in 43 written responses. Of these 24 people asked for permanent removal of both, 13 were in favour of retaining both and six wished to retain some sort of traffic slowing device by the South Sea Hotel.
- **Parking enforcement** – Clarification is needed as to whether this is an SDC or NZ Police responsibility
- **Golden Bay/Ayr Street culverts** – the current open drain could be replaced by a culvert (Mike to RFS)
- **Main Road (museum to DOC)** – this area was to be widened by a carpark width.
- **Butterfield Beach corner** – questions were asked about why this was undertaken in the manner it was but the board was reminded that this was an operational matter, dealt with by the project delivery team. Input can be sought from the board but the team will then proceed as they see fit.

Resolved

Moved Aaron Joy/Daniel Meads

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) requests both speed bumps are removed and options investigated for an alternative solution for the area adjacent to the South Sea Hotel.

Carried

Staff recommendations were moved with changes as **indicated**.

8.10 Adoption schedule of meetings

Record No: R/25/11/55822

Report presented by Committee advisor, Kirsten Hicks

The purpose of this report is for the community board to adopt a meeting schedule for the 2025 – 2028 triennium.

Resolved

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon/Mike Douglass

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

a) adopts a schedule of meetings for the 2025 – 2028 triennium on the following dates and times:

- 12 February 2026 8.45am
- 9 April 2026 8.45am
- 11 June 2026 9.45am
- 13 August 2026 9.45am
- 8 October 2026 8.45am
- 10 December 2026 8.45am
- 11 February 2027 8.45am
- 8 April 2027 8.45am
- 10 June 2027 9.45am
- 12 August 2027 9.45am
- 14 October 2027 8.45am
- 9 December 2027 8.45am
- 10 February 2028 8.45am
- 13 April 2028 8.45am
- 8 June 2028 9.45am
- 10 August 2028 9.45am

Carried

The meeting closed at 10.57am.

Confirmed on:

Signed:

Community update

Record no: R/26/1/2881
Author: Kirsten Hicks, Committee advisor
Approved by: Kirsten Hicks, Committee advisor
Report type: Information

Purpose

- 1 This report offers community agencies an opportunity to present updates to the community board.

Staff recommendations

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) Acknowledges the attendance of representatives from community agencies at the meeting

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Councillor update

Record no: R/26/1/3005
Author: Deborah-Ann Smith-Harding, Committee advisor
Approved by: Vibhuti Chopra, Group manager strategy and partnerships
Report type: Information

Purpose

- 1 This report is to provide the community board an overview of the matters that have been considered at Council and Finance and Assurance Committee meetings from 13 November 2025 to 28 January 2026.

Staff recommendations

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Context

- 2 An overview of the reports that have gone to Council and the Finance and Assurance Committee is given in the table below.
- 3 This report also provides an opportunity for Councillor Spraggon to highlight matters or to update the board on any other issues that have arisen around the Council table.
- 4 If you are interested, you can watch Council or Finance and Assurance Committee meetings via this link: [SDC youtube](#)

26 November 2025 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Sport NZ rural travel fund allocations - September 2025 funding round	<p>Council received seven application and approved the allocation of funds for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Netball Fiordland \$1,200 2. Fiordland Hockey Club \$1,000 3. Winton Swimming Club \$1,000 4. Te Anau Cricket Club \$1,000 5. Menzies College \$1,000 6. Fiordland Swimming Club \$800 7. Te Anau Tennis Club \$500
District initiatives fund allocations - September 2025 funding round	<p>Council received 11 applications and approved the allocation of funds from the District Initiatives Fund as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loss & Grief Support Trust \$7,500 2. Te Araroa Trail \$3,000 3. Fiordland Marine SAR \$3,000 4. Waikaia Trails Trust \$4,000 5. Citizens Advice Bureau \$5,000 6. Southern Cancer Society \$0

	7. Parent to Parent \$4,000 8. Northern Southland Community Resource Centre Charitable Trust \$4,000 9. Multi-purpose turf Central Southland \$3,000 10. Royal NZ Plunket Trust \$0 11. Life Education Trust \$4,000
10 December 2025 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Private plan change 3 - Blue Sky Meats - approval	<p>Plan Change 3 sought to rezone approximately 46 hectares of land at 729 Woodlands Morton Mains Road from Rural to Industrial with Blue Sky Meats Precinct provisions.</p> <p>Council accepted the recommendation of the Independent Hearing Commissioner pursuant to Clause 10 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, and approves Plan Change 3 with modifications as set out in the Commissioner's report.</p> <p>Council noted that the decision will be publicly notified under Clauses 10 and 11 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, with a 30-working day appeal period.</p>
Revised Charter of Understanding	<p>The Charter of Understanding He Huarahi mō Ngā Uri Whakatupu (the Charter) provides the basis for an ongoing relationship between local authorities and tangata whenua of Murihiku Southland.</p> <p>Council noted the information contained in the report that informed them of the review of the Charter and the changes made. Due to the current uncertainty around the local government structure, Council requested that the charter be reviewed within 12 months to ensure relationships are maintained.</p>
Management report October 2025	<p>The chief executive and staff provided an update on recent staff activity across Council and spoke about the severe windstorm event that struck at the end of October. Mr McIntosh reflected that what stood out for him was the character and commitment of our people.</p> <p>Through the challenges of the weeks that followed, staff continued to deliver essential services as well as supporting families and friends who were affected by the storm.</p> <p>Manager resource consent processing Elizabeth Hovell, team leader monitoring and compliance Dave Blanks, programme delivery manager Dave Connell, strategic manager transport Hartley Hare, GM customer and community wellbeing Sam Marshall, community facilities manager Mark Day and GM strategy and partnerships Vibhuti Chopra spoke to their parts of the management report.</p>
10 December 2025 – Finance and Assurance Committee meeting	
Finance and Assurance Committee work plan for the year ended 30 June 2026	<p>The Committee noted the information and amendments made to the work plan for the work programme discussed and agreed at the 19 March 2025 meeting for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.</p>

<p>Financial Report for the period ended 31 October 2025</p>	<p>The Committee received an overview of the financial results for the four months to 31 October 2025 by Council's seven activity groups and corporate services, as well as the financial position and the statement of cashflows as of 31 October 2025.</p> <p>This provided the Committee with a report on the reporting covenants and thresholds on 31 October 2025 as identified in our investment and liability management policy and by the Local Government Funding Agency.</p> <p>The Committee was provided with the most recent investment reports from Council's balanced funds managers, Milford Investments and BTNZ (Westpac). BTNZ returned 11.34% and Milford returned 11.24% for the previous 1 year period.</p>
<p>Health and Safety Update</p>	<p>Organisational health and safety manager, David McCone provided an update on health and safety related events and activity over the last quarter.</p> <p>Staff have identified the top three risks encountered during the last quarter as driving (one near miss), unstable ground/falling objects (approx. 15,000 trees in public areas) and psychosocial (abuse from members of the public). Effective mitigation is in place for these identified risks.</p>
<p>Risk management - December 2025 quarterly update</p>	<p>Risk analyst, Jane Edwards, submitted the December 2025 quarterly risk management report noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three risks are assessed as requiring an increased focus. The increased risk status of two of these remains unchanged from last quarter (change risk and finance risk), and one risk status has changed from stable to increased (adverse event risk). • two risks have changed from increased to stable (cybersecurity risk and strategic relationships risk). • one risk has been changed from stable to decreased (social licence risk). <p>The Committee noted those risks currently assessed as of significant issue for the December 2025 quarter.</p>
<p>Capital delivery programme review</p>	<p>Programme delivery manager, Dave Connell and GM infrastructure and capital delivery, Fran Mikulicic spoke to the Committee and confirmed that the Capital Programme Delivery Governance Group (CPDGG) reviewed the 2025/2026 programme and determined its deliverability.</p> <p>The Committee recommended to Council that it approves the changes to the 2025/2026 capital programme as reported, with the outcome being the total annual capital programme will reduce for 2025/2026 to \$75,965,364.</p> <p>The Committee requested a workshop be held to understand the budgeting and scoping process and prioritisation of projects and that future capital delivery programme reporting will include the origin date of projects where practicable.</p>

B2B update	The Committee received an update on the progress with the Back Together Build (B2B) project. Internal demolition has started, staff have been involved in key design refinements, and everything is progressing as planned. Requests for tender have been uploaded and will close on 19 December 2025 and all other KPI's are on track.
Interim performance report - period one, 1 July 2025 to 31 October 2025	The Committee was presented with the Interim Performance Report for period one, from 1 July 2025 to 31 October 2025 by GM finance and assurance, Anne Robson. The results to date show that for the 70 KPI's, 66% (46) are on target, 10% (7) are near target, 13% (9) are off target and 11% (8) are yet to be measured. This is in line with reporting for the same period last year.
Quarterly update on progress for the Environmental Services Business Improvement plan - 17a review	The Committee received an update and approved the closure of all remaining Environmental Services Business Improvement Plan action points based on the work undertaken and discussions included in the report.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Community board reporting

Record no: R/26/1/3531
Author: Karen Purdue, Community partnership leader
Approved by: Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing
Report type: Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to inform the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

Staff recommendations

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Attachments

- A Stewart Island Rakiura community leadership report - 12 February 2026 [↓](#)
- B Stewart Island Rakiura operational report - 12 February 2026 [↓](#)
- C School Holiday Programme Poster - 2026 [↓](#)
- D Companies office changes poster [↓](#)



What's happening in your area

Ulva Island wharf repaired

Essential maintenance work on the Ulva Island wharf has been completed, ensuring access for visitors throughout the summer season.

Southland District Council owns the wharf, as well as others on Stewart Island Rakiura. Chief executive Cameron McIntosh said the wharf at Post Office Cove is the only landing point on Ulva Island, a predator-free sanctuary within Paterson Inlet.

“Restrictions were placed on the wharf in 2023 over concerns about its condition. Repairs have now been carried out to keep the wharf operational for the peak visitor period.

“Planning is well under way for a full rebuild of the wharf in its current location once the season concludes,” Mr McIntosh said.

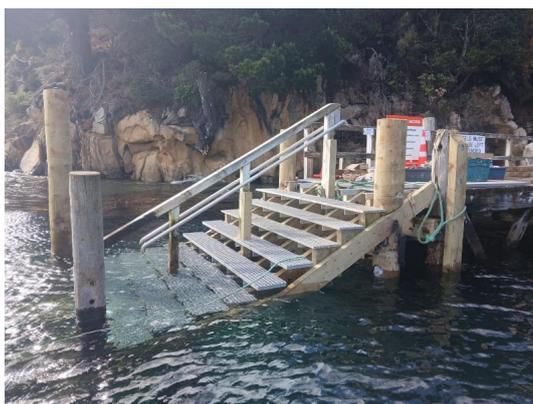
The new wharf is planned to be completed by October 2026. Exact timeframes will be confirmed subject to approvals.

The project will be part-funded by a 50% grant from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund and the Stewart Island Visitor Levy.

Council will continue to work closely with stakeholders, including iwi, the Department of Conservation, the Hunter Family Trust, and local operators, to ensure the project proceeds smoothly.

“Ulva Island is a jewel in Southland’s crown. This maintenance ensures visitors can enjoy it safely this summer, and the planned rebuild will secure access for generations to come,” Mr McIntosh said.

The jetty at Millars Beach and the Golden Bay wharf, both in Paterson Inlet, have also been repaired in time for the holiday season.



Community partnership fund

Grants were distributed to the following organisations for the October 2025 funding round of the Stewart Island Rakiura Community Partnership Fund:

- Stewart Island Seniors Cottage – senior housing project \$2,000
- Rakiura Heritage Trust – oral history project \$2,015
- Rakiura/Stewart Island Health Committee – community defibrillator \$1,900 (subject to rest of funds being raised)

The next round of funding for the community partnership fund is 31 March 2026. Applications can be made on the Southland District Council website via the SmartyGrants link:

<https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/>

Stewart Island Visitor Levy

Applications to the Stewart Island Visitor Levy fund close on 31 March 2026. Applications can be made on the Southland District Council website via the SmartyGrants link:

<https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/>

Community Funding

District Initiatives Fund

Grants were distributed to the following organisations for the September 2025 funding round of the District Initiatives Fund:

- Loss and Grief Support Trust – operational costs \$7,500
- Te Araroa Trust – Longwoods boardwalk renewal project \$3,000
- Fiordland Marine SAR – training and equipment costs \$3,000
- Waikaia Trails Trust – Stage 2 – blue descent trail \$4,000
- Citizens Advice Bureau – operational costs \$5,000
- Parent to Parent Southland – outreach programme \$4,000
- NSCRCCT – operational costs \$4,000
- Multipurpose Turf Central Southland/CSC \$3,000
- Life Education Trust – operational costs \$4,000

Applications for the next funding round close on 31 March 2026. Applications can be made on the Southland District Council website via the SmartyGrants link:

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Other funding opportunities

Grants were distributed to the following organisations for the September 2025 funding round of the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund:

- Netball Fiordland \$1,200
- Fiordland Hockey Club \$1,000
- Johnston Waters Swim Club \$1,000
- Te Anau Cricket Club \$1,000
- Menzies College \$1,000
- Fiordland Swimming Club \$800
- Te Anau Tennis Club \$500

Applications for the next funding round of the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund close on 31 March 2026. Applications can be made on the Southland District Council website via the SmartyGrants link: <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/>

The following Southland District Council funds close on 20 December 2026:

- Centennial Bursary Scholarships for recognised tertiary study
- Valmai Robertson Creative NZ Arts Scholarships
- Eric Hawkes Memorial Outward Bound Scholarship.

Applications can be made on the Southland District Council website via the SmartyGrants link: <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/>

GEM Local update

Since launching GEM Local for Murihiku Southland in mid August 2025, 20 organisations have registered to use it. Feedback from users is that the Portal has provided information about new funds they can apply for.

This comprehensive database pulls together funding opportunities from across Aotearoa, making it easier than ever for community organisations to find the right funders for their projects and aspirations. Organisations can register for access to the portal by visiting Connected Murihiku's website www.connectedmurihiku.co.nz.

Connected Murihiku is happy to help organisations find their way around the portal and provide support to ensure they are getting the most from the portal.

Council department updates

Governance

Work streams progressing in the governance team include:

Pecuniary interest register – At the end of January the governance team will be requesting all elected members complete a declaration of their interests. This will need to be completed by the end of February.

Ōraka Aparima Community Board By-election – There are four candidates for the by-election to fill the remaining position on the Ōraka Aparima Community Board. Only people who live in the board area (or who own property in the area) will be able to vote. Voting documents will start being delivered from 30 January and people will be able to vote until noon on 3 March 2026. People can return their vote via post or place their vote in an orange vote bin at either the Riverton library or Council's head office at 15 Forth St, Invercargill.

Climate Change

Regional activities

The membership of the Regional Climate Change Working Group has been confirmed. Cr Matt Wilson is SDC's governance representative and will work alongside Crs Phil Morrison and Maurice Rodway (Environment Southland), Crs Paul McPhail and Neville Phillips (Gore District Council) and Cr Alex Crackett (Invercargill City Council). Bi-monthly governance meetings recommence in February 2026. The Working Group's first task is to consider initial findings of a review into regional climate change governance arrangements. The Working Group will also explore the recently published local government sector climate scenarios which can be viewed at <https://www.lgfa.co.nz/sustainability/sustainability-lgfa/local-government-sector-scenarios>.

The staff interagency group will continue to support the Working Group by monitoring progress of the actions in the Regional Framework for Action on Climate for Murihiku Southland (<https://www.es.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:26gi9ayo517q9stt81sd/hierarchy/environment/climate->

[change/documents/RFFAC_2025_Draft_v7.pdf](#)), and developing a pathway to create Southland's first regional Climate Action Plan alongside the next Long Term Plan.

Updated climate projections for Southland have been produced by Earth Sciences NZ (formerly NIWA), and are expected to be made publicly available in the near future. The work was commissioned by ES. We have been working closely with ES to highlight SDC's science and information needs in relation to natural hazards, including those arising from climate change.

Climate adaptation

We are half-way through an internal project to assess risks from climate change to SDC's assets and operations, with completion planned in mid 2026.

Late last year, the government announced its plan to require councils to prepare climate adaptation plans for communities that are identified, through spatial planning, as being at risk from flooding and/or coastal hazards. The Climate Change Response (Efficiency and Effectiveness) Amendment Bill will be introduced early this year and will work with the reformed resource management system. The cabinet paper is available on the Ministry for the Environment's website (<https://environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/Establishing-a-National-Adaptation-Framework-Proactive-Release.pdf>). Staff are closely monitoring developments.

Internal alignment

Council report templates were changed and now include a climate change considerations section. We are continuing to develop information and resources for staff so that relevant climate change issues are identified and can be factored into decision-making. Our internal staff climate change working group will recommence meetings soon to plan sustainability-focussed activities for the coming year.

Stakeholder updates

Active Southland – update

The school holiday programme run by Active Southland in conjunction with SDC is underway with six of the programmes having been held at the time of writing this report; Te Anau, Lumsden and Riverton, Otautau, Winton and Wyndham. The advertising flyer for this popular programme is attached.

New Zealand Companies Office changes

An important law change affecting all incorporated societies in New Zealand is taking place. Under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, all incorporated societies, registered under the 1908 Act, must reregister by 5 April 2026, or they will no longer exist. There are around 24,000 incorporated societies across Aotearoa, but only about a third have updated their rules in line with the **Incorporated Societies Act 2022**. This is not just a tick-box exercise—the new Act sets clearer expectations around governance, officer duties, dispute resolution, and member rights.

This is a significant change that some societies may not yet be aware of. Please share this information in the attached poster with any community groups and society members that you know.



Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

Tracker – ongoing

Ulva Island Jetty – final design work in progress. Project on track for rebuild to be completed by the start of October 2026.

Golden Bay Masterplan – the plan has been completed and will come to the community board for final signoff at the April community board meeting.

Review of waste activity – this will be included in the infrastructure meeting planned with community board at a later date.

Interpretation panels - currently in production

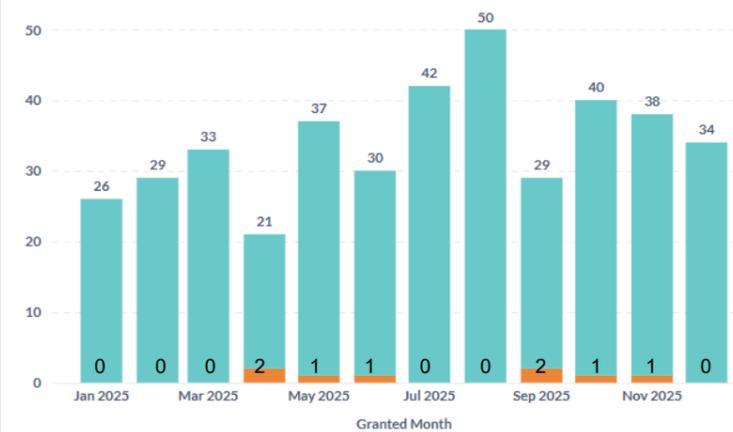
Upcoming priorities

Golden Bay walking track from the southern end of Traill Park, along Golden Bay Road to Oban and finishing at the intersection with Ayr Street – verbal update at meeting on geo tech report.

Resource consents granted

RM applications granted for community board

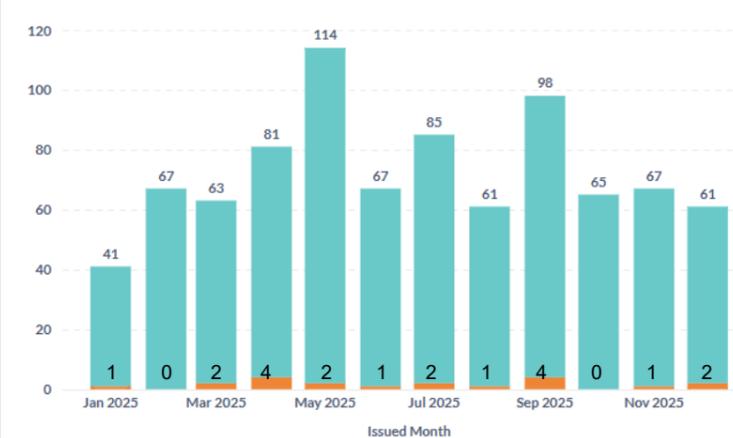
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Building consents issued

Building Consents issued for community board

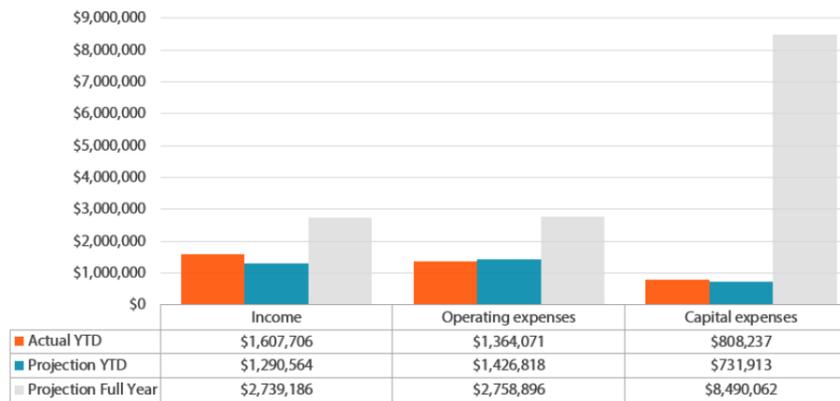
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Local Budget Information

Stewart Island/Rakiura - local business units for period ended 31 December 2025

YTD - year to date; Projection includes approved Annual Plan budget with timing phased + approved unbudgeted expenditure + carry forwards



Budget notes

Income is \$317k (25%) over projection. This largely relates to \$200k grant funding received for the Ulva Island Wharf. SIESA is over projection in operations by \$106k this is largely due to three main items over projection: electricity income due to higher kilowatts sold (\$42k), interest received (\$43k) and connection fees (\$21k). Waste Recovery is under projection by \$6k. Government grants for the walking track from Horseshoe Road to Butterfield Beach are \$27k over projection and received as work progresses. This is offset by the timing of Stewart Island visitor levy funding for the Dundee Street Footpath loan repayments (\$9k under projection) which will be brought in as part of year end entries.

Operating expenses are \$63k (4%) under projection. The majority of this relates to SIESA operations that are under projection by \$53k largely due to Fuel (\$52k) Network maintenance (\$27k) and Insurance (\$11k). This is partially offset by management fee that is \$24k over projection, with the change in provider yet to be reflected. SIESA Waste Recovery is \$22k over projection. Other areas under projection include Stewart Island Jetties (\$14k) and insurance (\$11k). This is partially offset by the Millers Beach Refurbishment project that is \$12k over budget as this budget was partially moved to next year and then the project was completed, the budget will be corrected in forecasting. Parks and reserves are overall \$7k under projection largely due to maintenance codes as general maintenance has a reactive component. Storm damage costs have not been included as we are still working through this matter with our insurers. We will keep the board updated as more information comes to hand.

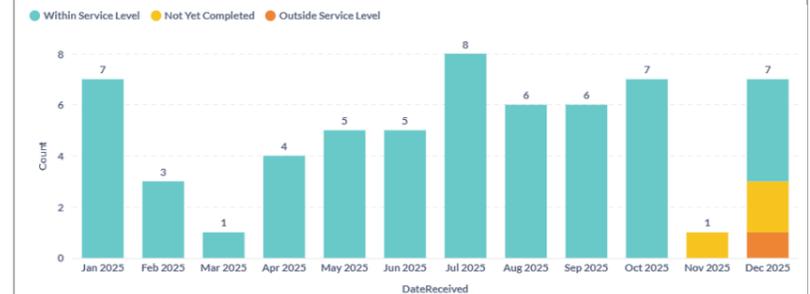
Capital expenses are \$76k (10%) over projection largely due to the timing of the budgets for the Rakiura Energy project (\$88k over projection), the Ulva Island project (\$8k over projection) and the Golden Bay Wharf project (\$30k under projection). The Golden Bay Walkway investigation project is \$14k over budget.

Requests for service

Across the district there were 1010 requests for service lodged during the period November and December 2025, of which 211 were related to three waters. Eight of the total requests belonged to this board area. A full breakdown of those requests is detailed below.

REQUEST TYPE	COUNT
Hazards	1
Infrastructure general enquiry	1
Parks and reserves - playground repairs/maintenance	1
Parks and reserves - repairs and maintenance	1
Streetscape - vegetation	2
Transport general enquiries	1
Wheelie bin new/additional	1
TOTAL	8

Requests for service lodged



Service contracts

Water and wastewater services operation and maintenance
 The 23/01 operations and maintenance contract continues to perform well across the Stewart Island Community Board area. Wastewater services have remained reliable, with a normal level of service requests received by Council and Downer since the previous reporting period.
 Capital works at the wastewater treatment ponds are scheduled to continue in early 2026.
 Mowing
 The mowing is progressing, the community facilities contract managers continue to work with our contract partners on the levels of service. Still working through the requirements for the safety mowing.
 Moturau Gardens
 The community facilities contract managers continue to work with our contract partners on the levels of service. The walking tracks have had maintenance work started to keep them tidy for the tourist season and the contracts manager will continue to monitor.
 Foveaux Alliance
 Post storm cleanup continued, especially reinstating signage. The timing of the Christmas break for the majority was appreciated by all.
 The public response was immense under the circumstances – from clean up, response and patience to road closures. Communicating with Council on forward work programmes to clean up debris and working with other contractors ie Powernet to get power restored safely as soon as possible for both contractors and road users.
 Re-sealing has commenced on the mainland, with some stabi repairs to be completed before the last sites can be released which is a priority.
 Spraying for both verge and noxious are underway weather dependent.
 Routine grading has commenced.
 One footpath closed in Wyndham due to tree roots from private property lifting the seal until repairs can be quantified.

Projects update

Activity	Name	Current Phase	Current Progress	Budget actual ytd
ROADS AND FOOTPATHS	Golden Bay Walkway Investigation	Pre-delivery phase	Off track	\$73,714 \$87,962 P-11075
The geotech investigations have been completed, the results identified no suitable ground conditions. Liaise with the community board before we continue.				
WASTEWATER	Multi scheme-oxidation pond de sludge	Delivery phase	Monitor	\$325,102 \$64,571 P-10452
Works started in January 2025 and the earthworks have progressed slower than anticipated with the continued wet weather effecting progress. As a result, the contractor pulled off site. The contractor re-established onsite late November and has now completed the earthworks. They established last week to undertake with the floor lining and this is progressing satisfactory. The desludging will start post the lining being complete.				
WASTEWATER	Stewart Island wastewater consent renewal	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$16,610 \$13,372 P-10474
Council was granted a consent in October, it was awarded for 25 years to 2050. We have further funding 2026/2027 for any future improvement works if required.				
WATER STRUCTURE	Rebuild Ulva Island jetty	Pre-delivery phase	Off track	\$265,000 \$121,830 P-10295
Temporary repairs completed, staff are now working to get designs for the replacement finalised and the consents lodged.				
WATER STRUCTURE	Stewart Island/Rakiura Golden Bay Wharf - renewal construction	Delivery phase	Off track	\$55,000 \$25,070 P-10670
This project will not be delivered this financial year.				

JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026	MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026	MAY 2026	JUNE 2026	JULY 2026	AUGUST 2026	SEPTEMBER 2026	OCTOBER 2026	NOVEMBER 2026	DECEMBER 2026
	12 Feb - Board meeting	12 March - Board workshop	9 April - Board meeting	14 May - Board workshop	11 June - Board meeting	9 July - Board workshop	13 August - Board meeting	10 September - Board workshop	8 October – Board meeting	12 November – Board workshop	10 December - Board meeting
				Stewart Island Visitor levy applications close 8 May	Stewart Island Visitor Levy subcommittee meeting – June TBA			Community service award nominations close 30 September	Stewart Island Rakiura Community Partnership applications close 31 October		
		District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 31 March						District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 30 September			Scholarships and bursary applications close 20 December



SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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PREPARED BY ACTIVE SOUTHLAND

LOCATIONS

- Te Anau - Tuesday 13th January
- Lumsden - Wednesday 14th January
- Riverton - Tuesday 20th January
- Otautau - Thursday 22nd January
- Winton - Monday 26th January
- Wyndham - Tuesday 27th January
- Riversdale - Friday 30th January
- Stewart Island - Monday 2nd February

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Your community group or club could be an incorporated society

Recent law changes mean that every incorporated society must **reregister before 5 April 2026** to keep its status and assets.



Learn more about the law changes by scanning the QR code, or go to: is-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/law-changes



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Chairperson's report

Record no: R/26/1/1905
Author: Kirsten Hicks, Committee advisor
Approved by: Kirsten Hicks, Committee advisor
Report type: Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is for the chair to update the board on activities they have been involved with since the previous meeting.
- 2 Board members are also able to provide an update on any recent events and issues of relevance and interest to the community board.

Staff recommendations

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Chairperson update

Discussion on progress on the following matters:

- energy
- Golden Bay walking track
- Predator Free Rakiura
- Stewart Island News article
- parking enforcement
- boat park
- rubbish issues over Christmas
- mowing
- next meeting – Thursday 9 April, 8.45am at the Pavilion.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.